

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 11, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 17, 19, 20, 22, and 23 are hereby amended; claims 24 and 25 are hereby canceled; an claims 27–33 are hereby added. Accordingly, claims 1–23 and 26–33 are currently pending, of which claims 1–16 are withdrawn. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 19 and 24–26.

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges an election without traverse. In doing so, the Examiner notes that claims 20–21 depend from claim 16. Applicants hereby amend claim 20–21 to depend from claim 17, and thus claims 20–21 are not withdrawn.

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R 1.83(a) with regard to claims 24 and 26. Regarding the “electric field inducing windows” cited by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully point out that this feature is clearly illustrated in the Figures. For example, elements 125a and 125b of FIG. 14 refer to first and second electric field inducing windows. (¶ 97). Regarding the feature of a “common auxiliary electrode [that] is overlapped with adjacent gate and data lines,” this is illustrated in, for example, FIGs. 12 and 15. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The Examiner objects to claims 19 and 24 due to informalities. Applicants respectfully assert that “substantially parallel” and “substantially perpendicular” are supported in the specification. (*See, e.g.*, ¶ 95, 97). Regarding the Examiner’s objection to claim 24, Applicants cancel claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer and submit that the objection is moot.

The Examiner rejects claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; rejects claims 17–18 and 22–23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent No. 6,788,374 to Ko et al. (hereinafter "Ko"); and objects to claims 19 and 24–26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 23 is based on the recitation "the upper and lower substrates are oriented at about 0° and about 90°." Applicants hereby amend claim 23 and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

The Examiner also rejects claims 17–18 and 22–23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated Ko. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 17 and request reconsideration. Independent claim 17 is allowable over Ko in that it recites "a common auxiliary electrode in the pixel region corresponding the periphery of the pixel region and having a crossing portion crossing the pixel region, the crossing portion of the common auxiliary electrode being substantially parallel to the gate line and dividing the pixel region into at least two sub-regions." Nothing in Ko teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 17, and claims 18–23 and 26, which depend from claim 17, are allowable over Ko.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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